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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 5438

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TAGS: PFOR, PDEV, RH, KE, GH, UK

SUBJECT: NKOMO STOPOVER IN KENYA

REF: NAIROBI 5388

1. JOSHUA NKOMO TRANSITED NAIROBI APRIL 30 ON WAY TO
ACCRA, DURING WHICH TIME HE SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
KENYATTA AND SPOKE TO PRESS. ACCORDING TO NAIROBI SUNDAY
NATION, NKOMO CLAIMED IT WAS ONLY THROUGH WAR THAT
ZIMBABWE WOULD WIN ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE SMITH
REGIME AND THAT NATIONALIST FORCES WOULD "CONTINUE WAGING
WAR UNTIL WE ARE FREE." FURTHER TALKS, HE ASSERTED, CAN
ONLY DETRACT FROM THE WAR EFFORT, AND HE CHIDED BRITIAN
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FOR FAILING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS.

2. NKOMO SAID HE WAS PROCEEDING TO ACCRA AT THE
INVITATION OF GHANAIAAN HEAD OF STATE GENERAL ACHEAMPONG,
AND WAS SCHEDULED TO LINK UP WITH MUGABE (ALSO INVOTED)
IN ACCRA ON MAY 2. HE REPORTEDLY TOLD NAIROBI STANDARD
HIS TRIP WAS FOR PURPOSE OF BRIEFING ONE OF THE OAU

HEADS OF STATE ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION, BUT WENT ON TO SAY THE REASON BEHIND GENERAL ACHEAMPONG'S INVITATION HAD NOT BEEN DISCLOSED TO HIM. WHEN ASKED BY THE NATION REPORTER ABOUT A POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND OTHER NATIONALIST GROUPS, NKOMO REPORTEDLY RESPONDED, "DON'T ASK ME ABOUT OTHERS. I HAVE NO TIME FOR THEM. OUR BUSINESS IS ONLY TO LIBERATE OUR COUNTRY." HE COMMENTED ON THERE BEING A NUMBER OF MUZOREWA'S MEN ON THE SAME PLANE FOR ACCRA, AND SAID THAT IF GENERAL ACHEAMPONG WAS AIMING TO HOLD A PEACE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE RHODESIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HE WOULD DEFINITELY NOT ATTEND. FYI, REFTEL REPORTED THAT REV. SITHOLE ALSO ON WAY TO ACCRA THOUGH IN APRIL 29 DISCUSSION WITH CHARGE HE DID NOT ALLUDE TO REASON FOR GHANA TRIP. END FYI. LINDSTROM

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